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C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 170177

FOR AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS:MASS, PEPR, TW

SUBJECT:ROC AIR DEFENSE

REFERENCE: STATE 167952

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